

### **III. Remarks:**

The claims added to the case in this amendment are all within the Restriction Grouping (Group III) that all claims in the case before filing of this amendment are in. In particular, all claims added herein are merely dependent method claims that are corollary to dependent apparatus claims that are already in the case (and, of course, are of Group III). The independent method claims from which these new claims depend are also already in the case (and, of course, are of Group III). The relationship of the new claims (claims 379-416) to already existing claims of Group III is indicated as follows:

<u>New Method Claims:</u>	<u>Are Corollary to Apparatus Claims*:</u>	<u>And Depend From Claims*:</u>
379-395	361-377 (earlier numbered as 340-356)	378 (earlier numbered as 357)
396-407	255-266 (original numbering retained)	358 (earlier numbered as 267)
408-416	329-337 (original numbering retained)	359 (earlier numbered as 338)

*\* indicates that the referenced claims were presented in the original United States National Phase filing.*

Thus, Assignee submits that these new claims are not new matter and, as they are part of the subject matter of elected Group III, should be entered in the case.

The Assignee has submitted herewith a supplemental claim fee payment of \$756.00. This figure was determined as indicated on the attached patent application fee determination record.

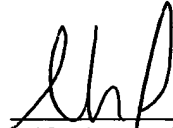
**IV. Conclusion:**

Please amend the above-identified application according to Claim Amendments Section. The Assignee believes that all claims remaining in the case are in condition for allowance; Assignee requests an allowance of same at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
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